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Mr. John A. McDonald
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Since telephoning you this morning and making the appointment for Friday morning at 11 AM, I decided it might save some of your time if I sent you a brief outline of the Negro Baseball situation before coming to Brooklyn.

First of all, we have two Leagues now operating, The Negro American League, in the west. The Negro National League, in the east. Each league has six teams. The Negro National League membership is as follows;

The Homestead Grays-----	home Forbes Field Pitts.
Newark Eagles	Ruppert Stadium Nwk.
Balto. Elite Giants	Oriole Park Balto.
Phila. Stars	YMCA Field Phila.
Black Yankees	Yankee Stadium N.Y.
Cuban Stars	no park

In the case of The Homestead Grays, we are hoping they will move to Washington this season, and play in the Senators park. The league played several games there last season, with much success. With the other teams located as they are the circuit would be rounded out very nicely if The Cubans were located in Brooklyn.

Up to now we have always made out our schedule in halves, but we are hoping this year to be able to make it out for the entire year, and play the western league a world series.

The attendance at the games has increased each year, which is really surprising in view of the poor co-operation we get from the press. However we expect as we grow, the press will take more interest in us.

As to what teams would play at Ebbets field, all games would be regular scheduled league games with the other league teams playing The Cubans. The Cubans are one of the oldest Negro teams. They have operated on and off for about twenty years, under Mr. Pompey. They enjoy a very fine reputation so far as money matters are concerned and I believe they will have a good team this year. I will go into details with you on all matters Friday morning.